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JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YOSHIO OKAWARA WILL GIVE
MANSFIELD LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

MISSOULA--

Yoshio Okawara, Japan's ambassador to the United States, will give the 18th Mansfield Lecture in International Relations at the University of Montana. The lecture series is named for his American counterpart, Mike Mansfield, U.S. ambassador to Japan.

Okawara will speak Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7:15 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. His free public lecture is titled "Issues in U.S.-Japanese Relations."

KODO, Demon Dancers and Drummers of Sado, a group from Japan, will perform at 8:30 p.m. in the University Theater. The lecture and the performance are scheduled so people can attend both.

Tickets for KODO go on sale Jan. 28 at the University Center ticket office. They will also be sold at the door. Prices range from \$7 for students and senior citizens to \$11. Reservations may be made by calling the ticket office, 243-4999.

Okawara will be introduced by Montana Sen. Max Baucus, a principal in a recent incident that showed the Japanese diplomat in action. The senator hosted a steak lunch for the ambassador to make the point that Japan misses a bet by imposing import quotas on American beef. Okawara brought along soy sauce to season the steaks, pointed out that most of the soy sauce Japan consumes comes from the United States, and commented, "We are also doing something for your economy."

Because of Japan's \$33 billion trade surplus with the United States, Okawara works hard at trying to ease tensions generated by trade issues. He spends about half his time traveling around the country promoting Japan's trade and other

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interests and interpreting his country to Americans. He also presents American viewpoints to the Japanese.

As ambassador, he presides over a mission with 84 accredited diplomats, more than represent Britain, West Germany or the Soviet Union.

Okawara entered the diplomatic service after graduation in 1942 from Tokyo University, Faculty of Law. The career diplomat has 16 years' experience in U.S. affairs, and he was posted to Washington, D.C., twice before he was named ambassador in 1980. He also spent a year, in 1962, as a Fellow of the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.

Okawara is the latest of a succession of internationally known figures the Mansfield lecture series has brought to the UM campus. The lectures are supported by an endowment established in the UM Foundation in 1968 to mark Mansfield's 25th year of congressional service and the university's 75th birthday.

Mansfield, who gave the first lecture, holds two degrees from UM and taught history at the university from 1933 to 1943. After five terms as representative of Montana's 1st Congressional District, he was elected to four terms in the Senate. He served a record 16 years as Senate majority leader, from 1961 until he retired from the Senate in 1977. He was appointed ambassador to Japan by President Carter in 1977 and reappointed by President Reagan in 1981.

Okawara's wife, Mitsuko, will accompany him to Missoula.

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